

Beautiful Weather in a Beautiful City.
Billy Sunday's Little Prayer.
Hope for T. R. in French.
Are You a "Beater?"
What Chance Has Prussia?

Was there ever a more beautiful city or a more beautiful day than this?
November close at hand and a warm sun overhead, the trees on all the hills about Washington dressed in beautiful colors, the bond issue oversubscribed, and Washington, as usual, doing more than the allotted share.

In the first row of trenches, in a colder, rainy climate, young men of America stand alert today, rifles at hand, gas masks ready.
They wait with the earthworks just above their heads, the water at their feet, leaning with each other, but each thinking of some home in America, some proud, heart-broken mother.

Look about you and you will know how those men are going to fight when the order comes, for this country and for those that they have left here.

At 10 o'clock this morning three sat on a bench in the square opposite the White House—a young woman with a sad face, a young man in khaki, and between them a little girl, three or four years old, delighted, laughing, dropping crumbs to a gray squirrel that came to her feet.

The young man looked from his child, to the child's mother, and together they talked earnestly, both concentrated upon the little girl between them.

Do you think that man will fight when the time comes, for that child and its mother?

Do you think Germany has any hope of conquering a nation in which there are twenty million such men?

"Who is this that darkenseth counsel by words without knowledge?"

Why, it is our dear, determined, old friend T. R., peevish because no one will make him a major general.

He says the United States, the War Department, and all others are ignorant and inefficient. And those who object to his publishing that for which any little Socialist editor would be jailed, are told by T. R. that they are "nice, short-sighted persons that bleed."

All this is confusing, and darkening.

If any man talked peace, T. R. wanted something serious done to him.

If anybody EXCEPT T. R. spoke in an unkindly way of the United States or spread alleged information that would encourage the Kaiser and discourage American soldiers, T. R. wanted such a man dealt with summarily.

But now he calls "bleaters" those that object to his description of United States soldiers as a "broomstick army."

VERY confusing. If you say anything against the United States you are a traitor. And if you feel inclined to back up the United States, and denounce those that discourage through criticism, you are a "bleater."

A little prayer by Billy Sunday is telegraphed from Los Angeles. This plain-spoken reverend prays that "the flag may wave without a stain until the iron cross is sunk fathoms in hell."

We don't want to be meticulous, but according to Mr. Sunday's preachings, it couldn't sink fathoms in hell, it would melt as soon as it struck the place and go up in iron vapor.

Mr. Sunday also prays that war may continue until "the snake of anarchy is crushed forever."

If our men in France fight as hard as Billy Sunday prays—and they will—all these prayers will be answered.

There is encouragement for T. R.'s ambition. Ryley Grannon says that although he may not be a major general, T. R. can be a king according to the French proverb:

"Dans le royaume des aveugles les borgnes sont rois."

What would you not give to have the learning of Ryley Grannon? But perhaps he borrowed that proverb from his boss, McLean, who studied in Paris.

"The Kaiser means to capture Rome, not only to encourage Austria," thus says Cassandra, that same Ryley Grannon.

Cassandra Grannon sees great disaster coming after Cadorna's defeat. "Austria's feet set free, U-boats enlarged, France attacked from the south."

Cheer up, Cassandra; the Italians dealt with barbarians long before you were born. And the Italians will own Italy long after you are dead.

The Kaiser, seeing Austria in deadly peril, is throwing his forces against Italy because he must. He will find Cadorna an excellent shock absorber!

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NIGHT AND
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SEC. McADOO CONGRATULATES WASHINGTON ON LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

"I congratulate the people of Washington upon the magnificent showing they have made in the second Liberty loan campaign. Washington's maximum allotment was twenty million dollars and it has been largely oversubscribed.

"The result reflects great credit on the people of the National Capital, which should always set an example to the country. The country is proud of Washington and its citizenship."—W. G. McADOO.

AMERICAN GUNFIRE SCATTERS GERMANS

SIX BILLION MARKS NEAR; LIBERTY LOAN EXCEEDS LIMIT

Unofficial Returns Indicate Amazing Oversubscription. Washington Takes Twenty-Three Million in Bonds.

Liberty loan figures today appear to be rapidly mounting to the six billion dollar mark.

This was the view taken by officials, with incomplete returns from the country's largest cities showing subscriptions to have passed the \$5,000,000,000 maximum.

Washington was not outdone by any other city in the country early reports indicate. With a hurricane finish to the campaign, which ended in a gigantic mass meeting on the Ellipse of the White House, the District came through with flying colors. Estimates placed the District's loan total at \$23,000,000, with subscriptions by more than 71,000 individuals.

Banks Meet a Deluge. Officials, who recalled the eleventh-hour drive of the first Liberty loan, when returns piled up an oversubscription total of approximately one billion dollars in a day, said today they would not be surprised to see the oversubscription to the second loan reach that sum.

A landslide of subscriptions poured into the country's banks late yesterday and last night. So great was the volume of sales that bankers abandoned the task of compiling returns until Monday. Telegrams dated as late as 10 o'clock last night confirmed the statements of Treasury officials that the loan would exceed the maximum amount of five billion dollars.

Ten million Americans subscribed. Many of the returns giving unofficial figures may not be in the hands of Treasury officials for several days. Complete reports will not reach Washington until after November 1, when it is expected officials will be able to say to a dollar how much the American public responded to the Government appeal for funds to finance the drive against Germany.

Washington's Figures Early. Reports from Washington banks, showing exactly the amount subscribed by District citizens, are expected to be in official hands before reports from other sections. That Washington's oversubscription will boost the total sales to well over \$23,000,000 was regarded as practically certain by officials.

The National Capital, with the rest of the country, felt the great thrill yesterday when news was flashed that General Pershing's picked men had taken a first crack at the Germans. Excitement over America's first land blow of the war was reflected from coast to coast in ever-mounting reports of loan sales.

Officials regarded the overwhelming oversubscription as more than a success—a triumph which served notice on Germany and the world that America's heart and money are in the war until the dawn of a victorious peace.

New York Tosses a Billion. New York reported today that its total would soar above the \$1,500,000,000 mark. Reports from other districts were: Boston, \$500,000,000; Philadelphia, \$425,000,000; Cleveland, \$460,000,000; Chicago, \$350,000,000; Richmond, \$180,000,000; Kansas City, \$160,000,000; St. Louis, \$200,000,000.

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The Wisdom of Napoleon—No. 5

Two o'clock in the Morning Courage Is Rare—

(See Editorial on Page Twelve.)

Two Famous Cases to Begin Tomorrow

Two criminal cases of remarkable interest begin their course in the courts tomorrow. At Annapolis John Snowden goes on trial for the killing of Mrs. Lottie Brandon. At Concord, N. C., the grand jury begins its investigation of the charge that Gaston Means was responsible for the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy Chicago woman. Both these cases will be fully covered in The Times.

MEANS FACES GRAND JURY TOMORROW

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 28.—The first of many surprises expected in the opening of the Means case tomorrow has been sprung. It has been announced that the Concord bar, contrary to established usage, has prepared no formal calendar for court next week, leaving unobstructed right of way for the hearing of the case of Gaston B. Means, charged with killing Mrs. Maude A. King, of New York, near Concord, August 29.

Attorneys for Means in Concord have indicated willingness. It is said, for trial to be held in Cabarrus county, but E. T. Canlier and Judge F. L. Osborne, of Charlotte, representing Means, refused to discuss the case today further than to say he would be present when the grand jury investigation opens tomorrow.

BARTHELME WILL BE DEPORTED FOR OFFENDING U. S.

Dr. George Barthelme, former Washington correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, is today on his way to Germany, having been deported by the Government authorities.

The order for deportation follows Dr. Barthelme's recent arrest at Wichita, Kan., for violation of the regulations pertaining to zones barred to aliens, and is the first expression of a new governmental policy against German-paid peace propagandists in this country.

It is anticipated that in carrying out this new policy further deportations will be ordered in the near future. Dr. Barthelme left Wichita last Wednesday. He will leave on the Scandinavian liner Bergensfjord as soon as it is ready to sail.

FOOD FREIGHTER LAUNCHED.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 28.—The second of America's great freighters which are to carry food and supplies to the allies overseas has been launched. "No. 65" was successfully launched today, was the announcement of the event.

MEN IN KHAKI ROB JITNEY DRIVER THEY HAD HIRED

Take Watch and \$32 on Way to Camp at St. Asaph's—Not His Soldiers, Says Commandant.

Army officers at St. Asaph's camp, five miles from Washington on the Alexandria road, today scouted the theory that the two unidentified soldiers who last night robbed Roscoe V. Strout at the point of a gun and sped away in his auto, leaving him bound in the woods, belonged to the field artillery regiment stationed there.

Commandant Seguis Story. "There are absolutely no indications of such a thing," said the commandant. "None of the men has been absent without leave or tried to get by the sentries, or appeared with any part of the uniform missing. We don't harbor such military specimens as those who committed this theft. It is very probable they declared they were from St. Asaph's merely to throw pursuers off the scent."

Sheriff Fields, of Alexandria county, this afternoon will go to the scene and endeavor to obtain some clue to the identity of the pair in khaki. One of them used his baton, Strout said, to blind him, and the color of this at least would show which branch of the service they belonged to.

Strout Cut and Bruised. Strout, who "backs" his car, was brought to Police Headquarters early this morning, suffering from bruises and cuts. He picked up the two "soldiers" last night at Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, he declared, when they said they wanted to go to St. Asaph's.

On a lonely part of the Alexandria Boulevard one put a pistol to his head and ordered him to stop. Forcing him to go into the woods, they bound him and got away with \$32.50 and his watch.

Rolling to the side of the road he shouted until one of three passing autos stopped and the occupants unbound him and took him to police headquarters.

Meanwhile the "soldiers" had sped away in Strout's car, which later was found abandoned near the scene of the holdup. Strout with friends went out this morning to look the place over by daylight. His home is at 323 Eleventh street southwest.

ROUMANIAN CHILDREN ARE DYING OF HUNGER

JASSY, Roumania, Oct. 28.—Roumania is in danger of starvation and destitution unless urgent steps are taken to relieve the food and clothing situation. Investigation indicates that help must come soon if the country is to retain its strategic importance in the war. The death rate among children, due to the food shortage, is appallingly large. Meat is no longer issued.

In the villages it is estimated there are more than 25,000 orphans without adequate food or clothing.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN LOST.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Another machine has been added to the list of four Zeppelins known to have been lost by the Germans in French territory last Saturday. One has now been reported destroyed by falling into the Mediterranean last Saturday night.

Prayers of Washington Pastors for U. S. Forces

By ALFRED HARDING, Bishop of Washington.

O Thou Word of God, who art called faithful and true, and in righteousness dost judge and make war; lead forth our soldiers and sailors to fight valiantly in the cause of honor, liberty, and justice, and give them victory over the foe. Arm them with the sword of Thy Holy Spirit; cover them with thy defense in the hour of battle; make them strong to do the right; restrain them from all evil, and keep them also faithful and true. Comfort the sick, the wounded, and the dying; accept the sacrifices of all those who have dedicated their lives to the service of America, and reward them with the fullness of joy in Thy presence for evermore. And this we ask of Thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, world without end. Amen.

By MONSIGNOR THOMAS, Rector of St. Patrick's Church.

Let us pray. Remember, O Lord, thy bowels of compassion; and thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world; that our enemies may never have dominion over us; deliver us, O Lord, from all our tribulations.

O God, who crushest wars, and fightest for thy soldiers who put their trust in Thee, by the power of Thy defense; help, we beseech Thee, Thy servants, who implore Thy mercy; that the fierceness of the enemy being brought low, we may praise Thee with unceasing thanks.

Look down, O Lord, in Thy clemency, upon the sacrifice we offer that Thou mayest deliver Thy army from all the wickedness of the pagans, and place them in the custody of Thy protection.

This we ask through Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

By JAMES S. MONTGOMERY, Calvary M. E. Church.

Now, God of our fathers, in whose hand is the destiny of our nation, we turn our hearts unto Thee this day.

May this land for which our fathers lived and sacrificed, be preserved in every way for the blessing of mankind. Hasten the hour when all tyrannies and inhumanities shall cease; man shall the brother be the world over.

Keep Thou the heart of our nation from the power of hate while we war against despotism. May our hearts be kept clean and our brows white.

Cheer and comfort the firesides and the mothers from whose altars their loved ones have gone in defense of our flag, and wherever they are today may the blessing of Thy mercy, truth and wisdom be their constant and abiding support. Amen!

'MESSAGE' TO KAISER SENDS FOE TO COVER

French Artillerymen Turn Gun Over to Americans, Who Send Screaming Shell into Marching Column.

American gunners in the front line of artillery have sent their first message to the Kaiser with a shell fire that scattered the Germans at whom it was directed.

Dispatches received today bring the cheerful information that an American battery, sighting a marching column of Germans, drove them to cover with shell fire.

The Americans, according to the dispatches, were "practicing" with one of the French "75's" when they saw the enemy group approaching a quiet sector of the trench, far behind the German lines.

"After You, Alphonse."

The French gunners, acting as instructors, graciously turned the piece over to the Americans, with a request that they try a few shots at the column, visible only through strong field glasses.

Uncle Sam's gunners found the range with a few shots, and then sent several shells raining down into the German column. The enemy group hastily dispersed and sought cover.

They were believed to be a section of light artillery reserves sent to relieve a battery near the trenches.

Believe Germans Advised. Allied officers are certain that the Germans know that the American troops are being trained in a certain "quiet" sector, but despite the fact that a vigorous "strafe" was expected, the enemy showed little activity.

It is assumed that the men merely are learning in the trenches what they could not learn back of the lines. In that General Pershing is following the example of the British officers, whose men are brought under fire gradually in order that they may accustom themselves to shellfire and the difficulties which they must face when they go over the top for their first offensive.

The Americans have been sent to a quiet part of the line and are under the tutelage of veterans. After a time they will be sent back to give their comrades the benefit of their experience. Others will take their places until all under General Pershing's command have had a taste of trench warfare.

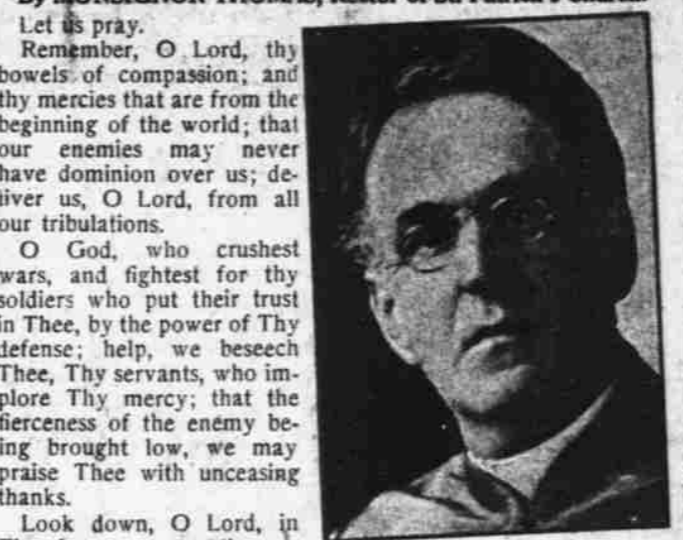
Americans Nearly Ready.

Although the Americans may not yet be considered ready for action from the conservative army point of view, Mr. Baker, in his last weekly war review, intimated that they were virtually ready to take their part in the great struggle. Mr. Baker said the American soldiers in France, after three months' training, were in splendid fighting trim. They had become accustomed, he added, and felt at home in the war zone.

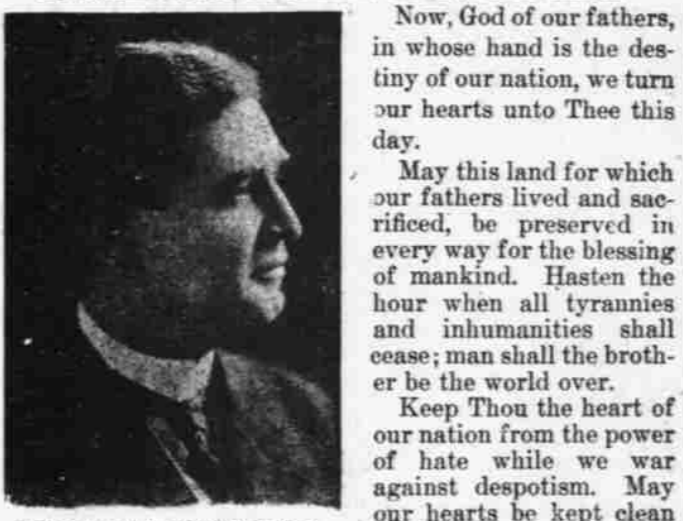
Problems Remain.

Having men in actual touch with the enemy, according to the War Department's point of view, is still falling short of exerting an offensive effort, as the question of supplies, reserves, and the entire complicated mechanism of moving an army must be disposed of before an attack is begun. But the stream has been kept moving unceasingly, and it has touched the outposts, at least, at the front.

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